
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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END OF SESSION — HF 2255 — CONTRABAND IN PRISON

Description. [House File 2255](#) relates to the possession of contraband in or on the grounds of a community-based correctional (CBC) facility, and provides penalties. The Act adds CBC facilities to the facilities and institutions where a person may commit the criminal offense of possessing contraband.

Correctional Impact. In FY 2017, there were 77 convictions of possession of contraband under Iowa Code section [719.7](#). The Act is estimated to result in an additional 72 convictions annually. The prison population is also expected to increase by approximately 149 inmates annually by year two of implementation.

Minority Impact. In FY 2017, approximately 16.0% of individuals convicted of Iowa Code section [719.7](#) offenses were African American. In the second year of enactment, it is estimated that there will be 24 more admissions to prison, three more admissions to jail, and 15 more admissions to probation of African Americans.

Fiscal Impact. [House File 2255](#) is estimated to have a fiscal impact to the State General Fund of \$407,800 in FY 2019 and \$794,550 in FY 2020. This estimated impact includes operating costs incurred by the Judicial Branch, the Indigent Defense Fund, and the Department of Corrections. This Act is expected to result in the following:

- An estimated one additional Class C felony conviction in both FY 2019 and FY 2020.
- An estimated 36 additional Class D felony convictions in FY 2019 and 71 additional Class D felony convictions in FY 2020. Of these convictions, 75.0% would be sentenced to prison.

Enactment Date. This Act was approved by the General Assembly on March 13, 2018, and signed by the Governor on March 21, 2018.

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